

## State of Utah

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Max K. Williams 880 Railroad Avenue Ontario, Oregon 97914-8618

Subject: Reclamation Work, Bonnie Birch Jensen, Paradise Mine, S/023/0058, Juab County, Utah,

Dear Mr. Williams

In a letter dated May 19, 2015, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) requested your permission to enter your property in Juab county to conduct reclamation work at the Paradise mine (a/k/a Peat Humus mine) which was operated by Bonnie Birch Jensen. The Division's main concerns are the lead/acid batteries, gasoline, oil, diesel fuel, and any other potentially hazardous materials at the mine site that pose a threat to aquatic life in the wetlands, such as the least chub and leopard frog.

The Division has received bids from two companies licensed to remove and dispose of hazardous materials, and the estimated cost is greater than expected. The Division of Wildlife Resources has agreed to provide additional funding, but the work must be completed and paid for by June 30, 2015. The Division is committed to removing the hazards from the site, but if the work is not completed by June 30, securing funds may delay the project.

You have expressed concerns about the access route the contractor would use. The Division is willing to have the contractor use any practical and safe access route you designate. Enclosed is a Google earth image of the site. You may use this image to indicate the access point and route that would suit your needs. You and your tenant would be welcome to be at the site when equipment is being mobilized and while the work is being done to ensure there is no undue damage. You will bear none of the costs for reclamation.

The Division would greatly appreciate your expedited review and, if acceptable, approval of the Right of Entry Consent.



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Please contact me at 801-538-5261 or by e mail at paulbaker@utah.gov or Wayne Western at 801-538-5257 or by e mail at waynewestern@utah.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding the project or the consent agreement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

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Enclosure: Property map